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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Public Service Commission:

This letter is in reference to Docket No. 2009-489-E and the proposed rate hike by SCE&G. I am strongly opposed to this rate increase for the following reasons:

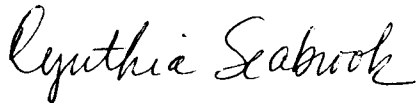
- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- This proposed new rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

There has been little "belt tightening" at SCE&G and the consumers are very tired of having to take the brunt of this mismanagement.

I ask you to deny SCE&G's rate hike request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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